

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## A TRIBUTE TO JIM QUAIL

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Quail for his distinguished career of exemplary educational services to the District 14 community. Mr. Quail retires having vastly improved the quality of education for the students in his community.

Mr. Quail grew up in Astoria, Queens, and is the son of Irish immigrants. With ambitions of going to law school, Mr. Quail always had an affinity for the importance of education to promote ones wellbeing. After graduating from Fordham University he decided to follow in the footsteps of his sister and pursue a career in teaching.

Mr. Quail subsequently began his illustrious career as a student-teacher in the District 14 community. His first assignment at the then Board of Education was to report to P.S. 132 on Metropolitan Avenue. Mr. Quail spent five years at P.S. 132, while also earning educational administration degrees in his out-of-school time that enhanced his professional development. With such experience and dedication, Mr. Quail was promoted to Assistant Principal at P.S. 250 and served in that capacity for five years.

At P.S. 250, Mr. Quail would have the biggest impact on the students he encountered as well as in his personal life. With the support and confidence of student parents, school administration, and the community; Mr. Quail was selected to serve as the Principle of P.S. 250. Mr. Quail would spend the next 25 years in this post as the educational leader of P.S. 250. During his tenure, Mr. Quail accomplished many notable achievements which include leading P.S. 250 to become one of the top schools in the district.

In 2003, Mr. Quail was named superintendent of District 14. In this capacity he has served as the top education official in our community, overseeing all 26 schools and the 15,000 children they serve. Mr. Quail has led the efforts to implement a number of new initiatives in the district. Among them includes the Federal 21st Century grant which supports schools in their effort to create specialized programs in the community. Additionally, he has increased the visibility of the District's involvement in community activities.

Over the past four decades, Mr. Quail has been fully committed to ensuring a quality education for the students of the District 14 community. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Quail on his retirement and for leading the charge of education reform in his community.

## SENATOR ROBERT SHANKLIN WHAM TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2012*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Colorado State Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. Mr. Wham, a long time resident of Colorado was an active and giving citizen of our State.

Following his graduation from the University of Illinois School of Law, Mr. Wham joined a law firm in Montrose, Colorado. It did not take him long to become involved in Colorado Government, accepting a position as an Assistant U.S. District Attorney and moving to Denver where he later served as Deputy City Attorney, and later the City Attorney. In 1976, he was elected to the Colorado State Senate. Mr. Wham remained active in the practice of law until 2009.

Mr. Wham loved to spend time in the Colorado Mountains with his family. A passionate outdoorsman, you could find Mr. Wham throughout the year driving through the mountains, skiing, hiking and sailing.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. I rise today in memory of his devotion to his family and to the State of Colorado.

## IN HONOR OF THE BARRINGTON BAND

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Barrington Band and commemorate its many contributions to the cultural community of South New Jersey. This community band comprised of approximately thirty members ranging from teenagers to seniors has delighted audiences with their patriotic and seasonal repertoire for one hundred years, and today we thank them for the joy they have brought to their many listeners this past century.

The Barrington Band formed on January 1, 1912 when four townsmen rang in the New Year parading through the streets with cowbells, whistles, a clarinet and drum. They had such fun that they decided to form a community band. Recruitment proved to be easy, as many members of the Barrington Improvement Association were eager to join despite a lack of musical knowledge. This was soon remedied as local musicians were hired to teach the new band, and this day July 4, 1912 the band held their first performance at the flag-raising of the Barrington Fire Company.

Since that day, the Barrington Band has been marching and playing at all sorts of community building events including 17 Philadel-

phia Mummers Day Parades, the inauguration of New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman in 1935, on the way to the shore on the Wildwood Boardwalk, and at the annual Concert at the Gazebo in Cape May.

Through decades of excellent musicianship, the Barrington Band has built an unparalleled reputation for providing a fun and entertaining show comprised of marches, patriotic and Broadway songs. Beyond being a staple at Barrington civic events and nursing homes, the band has established the Harold Houck Award for musicianship and academic achievement, to be given to a member of the Woodland School eighth grade graduating class. The award was named after Harold Houck, son of the original band director, who played with the band from fourteen to eighty-nine years old. He started a tradition of life-long participation that continues to this day, a unique legacy for this talented band.

Mr. Speaker, the Barrington Band has been an integral part of the South Jersey community for one hundred years, bringing people together through the shared joy of music. I join the township and all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional band on its one-hundredth anniversary.

## THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JOHN LAWSON VAUGHN

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the theme of the Civil Rights Era, "Road to Freedom," honors the legacy in Leadership exemplified by Rev. J.L. Vaughn. While riding the bus to Main High School, the students witnessed Reverend Vaughn walking across the South Rome Bridge in Rome, Georgia, daily at 7 a.m. carrying a Bible under his arm. He was going to City Hall, the Courthouse, and to business owners in the downtown district to advocate for equal rights. The lunch counter sit-ins took place in Rome on March 28, 1963. When the Civil Rights Bill was passed in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965, Reverend Vaughn used his pulpit to speak to the citizens and allowed white politicians to give a campaign speech in his church. The voting ballot was unfamiliar to black citizens and they had to be taught how to use it. He stressed the importance of exercising the right to vote.

The legacy of Reverend Vaughn began long before he crossed over the bridge in the 1960's through times of racial struggles in Rome to be a voice for the Black community. He died in 1979, and Rome's first African American was appointed to serve as a public official on the City Board of Commissioners in 1980. Reverend Vaughn's funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church on East 4th Street, Rome, Georgia.

John Lawson Vaughn was one of twelve children, born in 1881. He worked hard helping his father make a living for the family. As

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